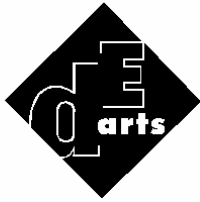


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**Delaware Division of the Arts
Launches Online Delaware Artist Roster**

(Wilmington, Del.–October 30, 2006)– The Delaware Division of the Arts has launched its Online Delaware Artist Roster featuring more than 100 artists. The roster includes literary, performing and visual artists from Delaware, available to exhibit, perform, or present programs in venues across the state and throughout the region. This is a valuable resource for performing arts centers, galleries, colleges, festivals, schools, parks, civic organizations, businesses, municipal governments, and any other group that presents the work of artists within their community. In addition, individuals seeking a music group for a special celebration or artwork for their home or office will find numerous choices at their fingertips.

A wide variety of artforms are represented – in music the range includes jazz, classical, brass bands, and polka groups; in art, there is everything from paintings and sculpture to quilts and jewelry; literary arts are represented by poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and playwriting; and there is also theater, dance, and storytelling.

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The roster provides specific information about the types of audience that the artists serve, their fees, and the kinds of services that they offer, from workshops to social functions. There are also links to the artists' websites for further information.

The Artist Roster is available at: <http://artistroster.artsdel.org>

The Delaware Division of the Arts is an agency of the State of Delaware. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support artists and arts organizations, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. Funding for the Division programs is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware State Legislature, and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.